

Exportation of Dangerous Chemicals

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1. Introduction

The [Chemicals Act 2008](#) and the Chemicals (Amendment) Act 2010 provides for controls on the export and import of dangerous chemicals, including pesticides, in accordance with [Regulation \(EC\) 649/2012](#) as amended.

In this regard, the Health & Safety Authority (HAS) is the Designated National Authority (DNA) in Ireland with responsibility for industrial chemicals. The Pesticide Control Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is the DNA with responsibility for pesticides.

Reference to dangerous chemicals in this manual refers to both industrial chemicals and pesticides.

Revenue is responsible for controlling the import and export of dangerous chemicals. This instruction relates only to the **control of exports of chemicals**. The control by customs authorities in respect of the importation of chemicals is under discussion at EU level and a further instruction will issue when agreement has been reached.

2. Export prohibition / restriction

Prohibition

[Regulation \(EC\) 649/2012](#) prohibits the export of some dangerous chemicals, which means that the exportation of the chemicals in question cannot be permitted, unless verified by the DNA for research and development and assigned a “Special” Reference Identification Number (RIN). Information on the prohibited dangerous chemicals is outlined in Annex V of Regulation 649/2012.

Restriction

[Regulation \(EC\) 649/2012](#) restricts the export of some dangerous chemicals and this means that exportation of the chemicals in question can only take place if the exporter has been granted an authorisation to do so. This authorisation is known as a RIN and it confirms that the necessary permission has been given by the DNA, the European Commission and, where required, the destination country for the export of the specified chemicals.

Details of all RINs are recorded on ePIC, an IT system established and maintained by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for the export of dangerous chemicals. The RIN reference number must be entered by the exporter in Box 44 of the export declaration. See Section 3 for further information.

3. Action by customs at exportation

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RIN validation

Where the exporter declares a RIN in Box 44 of the customs declaration, AEP will instruct staff that the RIN must be validated by Customs before the export can be permitted to proceed. In order to do this, staff should consult ePIC, which can be accessed via the following link:

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Where Customs staff suspect that there is an attempt to export a dangerous chemical without following the correct procedure, the consignment should be detained, and staff should contact Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit. A copy of the relevant customs declaration, contact details of the consignor and, where available, the relevant safety data sheet should be forwarded to the Prohibitions and Restrictions Unit. A Risk Information Form (RIF) may be used where appropriate. See Section 5 of this instruction for further information.

4. Contact details for Designated National Authorities

In the case of industrial chemicals, contact details for the HSA are as follows:

Email: chemicals@hsa.ie

Tel: 1890 289 389

In the case of pesticides, contact details for the Pesticide Control Service of DAFM are as follows:

Email: pcs@agriculture.gov.ie

Tel: 01 6157552

5. Risk information form

The RIF, which is part of the Customs Risk Management System (CRMS), should be used by staff to inform Customs authorities of other Member States of any irregularities which have come to light in respect of the exportation of dangerous chemicals. For further information on CRMS/RIF staff should contact:

Email: Customsriskunitgroup@revenue.ie

6. Enquiries concerning this manual

Further enquiries can be directed to:

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